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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Dejoie-Fignolé 'Government-in-Exile'

1. The Haitian 'Government-in-exile' announced by Louis Dejoie and Daniel Fignolé appears to be based on a tactical alliance of two prominent Haitian politicians of differing political philosophies. They each share the same ambition--that of eventually becoming the top political leader in Haiti. If they were successful in ousting Duvalier, their conflicting ambitions would be likely to precipitate a clash between them not long afterward. Their agreement to join forces now probably reflects an effort to pool their separate strengths--Dejoie's political organization and contacts outside of Haiti, and Fignolé's political appeal among the poorer classes within Haiti.

2. Dejoie appears to be basically conservative in political orientation, while Fignolé has been described as 'tainted with Marxist philosophy.' Fignolé gave evidences of being a radical rabble-rousing demagogue during his brief tenure of power (19 days) in mid-1957. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Both have been involved in jockeying for pre-eminence in Haitian politics even since 1957, when both were contestants for the presidency of Haiti in the period of political turmoil preceding Duvalier's selection in October.

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3. Dejoie and Fignolé evidently are including within their proposed government-in-exile several Haitian 'young Turks' of a reformish philosophy, including Francois Iserme, and Max Bolte; political independents, including

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Paul Cassagnol and Luc Stephen; and non-Communist leftists, including Leslie Manigat. Their presence in the Dejoie-Fignolé government-in-exile reflects an attempt by the two leaders to win the support of these elements of the Haitian population. In the political jockeying for absolute power which would be likely to follow the institutions of a Dejoie-Fignolé government, both Dejoie and Fignolé could be expected to try to win over such elements to their own personal following or to eliminate them.

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